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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IRANIAN PARTICIPATION IN FIRST GARP
GLOBAL EXPERIMENT (FGGE)

1. MISSION OFFICER HAS LEARNED FROM WMO SECRETARIAT THAT MEETING IS PLANNED BETWEEN JPS DIRECTOR DOOS, OTHER GARP JOINT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS TO SEE WHETHER IRAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN FGGE. MEETING IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBURARY IN TEHRAN.

2. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS SUGGEST THAT IRAN MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE UP TO TWO MILLION DOLLARS UNDER BI-LATERAL AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTANT LEVEL BALLON PROGRAM OF THE FGGE. DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT TEHRAN MEETING, BUT MIGHT INCLUDE PURCHASE OF BALLONS (600 REQUIRED FOR PERIOD OF FGGE), ASSISTANCE IN LAUNCHING SITES, PROVISION OF GROUND EQUIPMENT, ETC.

3. SECRETARIAT HOPEFUL THAT, IF NEGOTIATIONS SUCCESSFUL, WOULD BE VALUABLE PRECEDENT FOR OTHER OIL-PRODUCING MID-EAST COUNTRIES TO SEEK GREATER
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PART IN WORLD WEATHER WATCH AND GARP RELATED

ACTIVITIES OF WMO.

4. IN VIEW OF VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE OF DISCUSSIONS,
SECRETARIAT SOURCE EXPRESSED HOPE ABOVE INFO BE USED
WITH UTMOST DISCRETION. DALE

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